GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL MIGRANTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to determine the total number of illegal migrants to West Bengal from neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps for sending them back; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)
(a) & (b): According to available reports, Bangladeshi nationals have been using porous Indo-Bangladesh border to enter into India illegally. It is difficult to make an accurate survey about the number of such illegal Bangladeshi immigrants because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities. The State Governments/UT Administrations are competent to deal with such cases, as and when detected, in accordance with the provisions of law.

(c) & (d): The State Governments/UT Administrations have been empowered under section 3 (2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign national illegally staying in India. Administrative instructions are issued from time to time requesting the State Governments/UT Administrations to detect and deport illegal migrants staying in the country.